

From: Bunker, Byron
To: Pugliese, Holly
Subject: FW: Replacing your SUV - Mercedes GLS350D
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Hi Holly.

See below.

Thanks,

Byron

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Sent: Friday, October 20, 2017 9:03 AM
To: Personal Email / Ex. 6
Subject: Replacing your SUV - Mercedes GLS350D

Dear Mr. Citizen Name / Ex. 6

The Department of Energy forwarded your e-mail addressed to Secretary Perry regarding replacing your SUV for our review and response. I understand your enthusiasm for an SUV with a diesel engine given its superior fuel economy and torque. Those dual benefits were a big driver behind EPA's rulemakings to lower diesel fuel sulfur levels and in doing so to create an opportunity for light-duty diesel vehicles to compete with gasoline vehicles that already had low sulfur gasoline available to them. We are big believers in technologies that can give good fuel economy, low emissions and strong performance.

Unfortunately, I can't respond directly to the status of Mercedes' plans for the GL350. When manufacturers submit their marketing plans to EPA they claim those as Confidential Business Information which EPA is precluded from sharing under Federal law. Under these circumstances, only Mercedes can speak directly to which vehicles they intend to offer in the market.

I am sorry that I can't more directly answer your question regarding the vehicle.

Best regards,

Byron

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